

NEW TENANT: 4/1/89

The apartment manager
saw Jeb lying in the sun
greased slippery bronze with
sunscreen 15

I see you worship Ra
he said pleasantly
Jeb grunted and wondered what
he meant
maybe he should look up
that word
not expose his ignorance

OIL WELL EXPLOSION AT LOST HILLS

Bluntnosed lizards
were already endangered
who would have thought
the world begrudged them that
plot of baked dry desert
monstrous ugly
and kept drilling for oil
yesterday the well spouted
gas oil and scalding water
and ran down the lizards'
parched kingdom
a young official in hard hat assures
TV cameramen
We've got it whipped now
and wipes specks of oil off his
glasses